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SENATE RESOLUTION 23
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the Reverend H. Bruce Maxwell of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church for his estimable service.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those distinguished citizens who, through their great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, have established themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend H. Bruce Maxwell is one such extraordinary person, whose life and ministry affirm his deep commitment to the principles of faith, perseverance, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, A native Nashvillian, the Reverend Maxwell is the son of the late Reverend H. C. Maxwell, Sr. and Mrs. Flora Jordan Maxwell; he earned both Bachelor and Master of Theology degrees from the Emmanuel Bible College and Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age, the Reverend Maxwell was baptized into the Church at Lake Providence; prior to beginning his full-time career in ministry, he served as a Sunday School Teacher, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and President of the Echoes of Jordan; and

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WHEREAS, In the Spring of 1974, the Reverend Maxwell accepted his calling into formal ministry, and he delivered his first sermon on June 30 of that same year; soon licensed to preach the Gospel, he was elected pastor of the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church on October 10, 1976; and

WHEREAS, For the past twenty-five years, the Reverend Maxwell has committed his life to preaching the Gospel, winning souls for Christ, and edifying his congregation; during those years, the Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church has thrived and grown from a congregation of diminutive membership to one that currently includes more than 3,000 congregants; and

WHEREAS, An active and vital member of the Nashville community, the Reverend Maxwell served the citizens of our Capital City in numerous capacities; he is a member of the Southern Hills Medical Center Board of Ethics Committee and Board of Trustees, and he is also a Chaplain on Call at the hospital, making his wise counsel and thoughtful compassion available to those who might be suffering; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Maxwell is committed to the education and welfare of Tennessee's youth, and he serves with alacrity on the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Equity and Excellence Committee; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to family values of the highest merit, the Reverend H. Bruce Maxwell shares tremendous love and companionship with his wife, the former Miss Evon Benton, and he is the proud and caring father of two daughters and grandfather of one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Maxwell epitomizes the spirit of service to others and commitment to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to formally acknowledge and applaud the unsurpassed character of this venerable man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we welcome the Reverend H. Bruce Maxwell to this chamber as the Senate's Minister of the Day for April 5, 2001, express our heartfelt thanks for his astute service to the congregation of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church and to the people of this State, and wish him every continued success in his ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.